

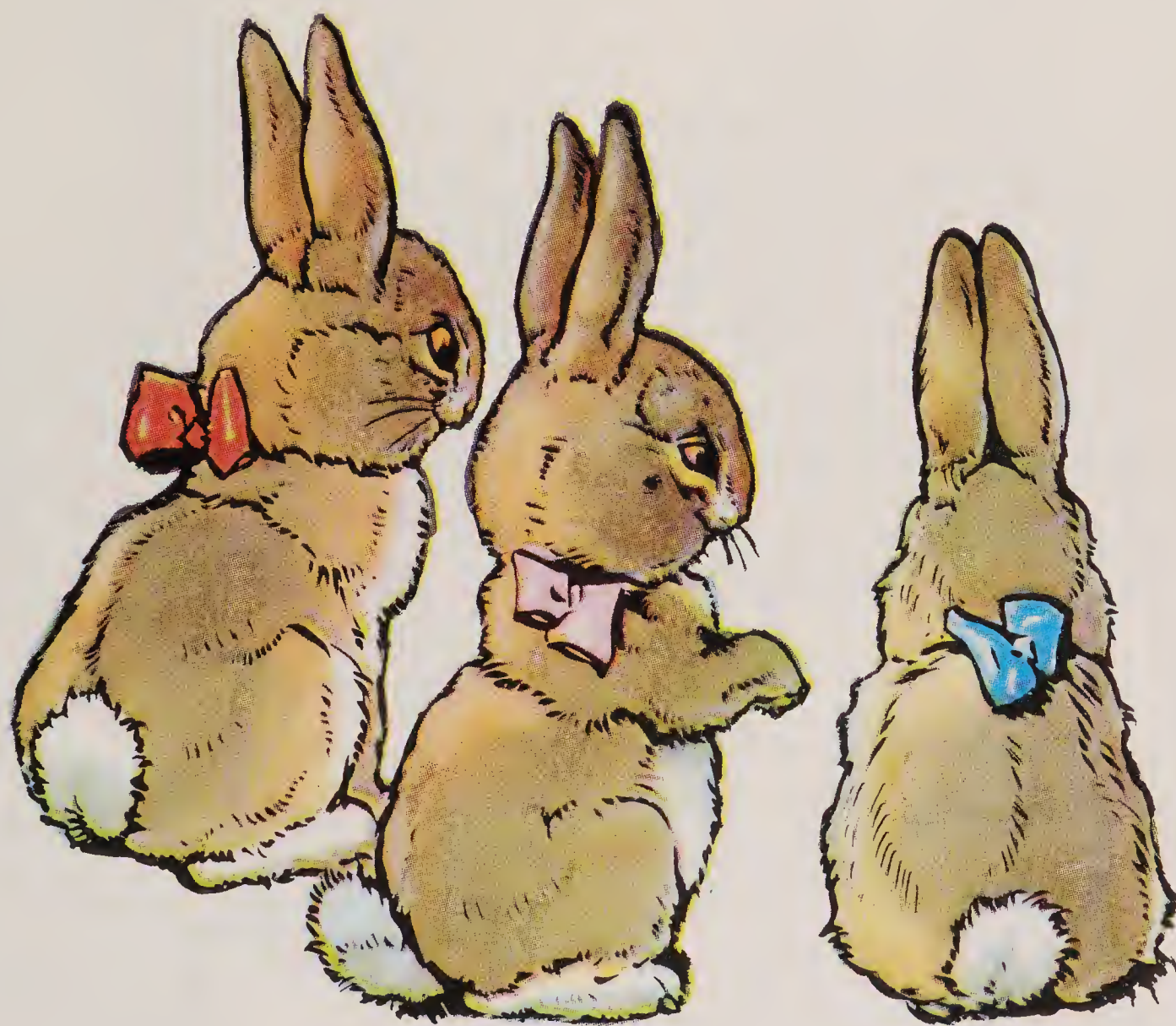
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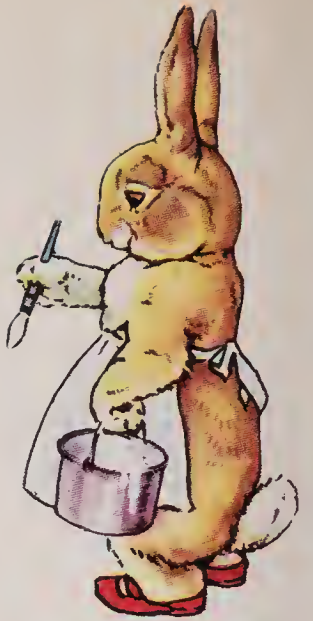


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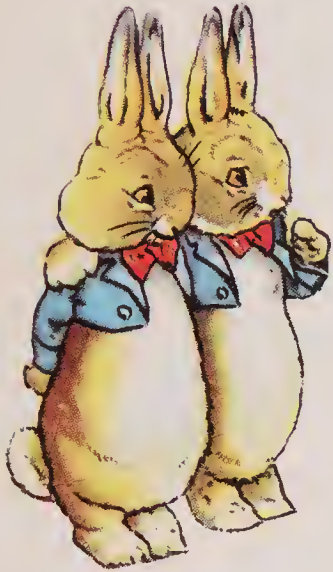


Mother Rabbit had five little children. Three girls and two boys. The girls were called Downy, Lenny and Little Tip.

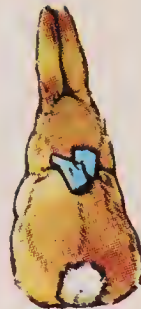
The boys, who were twins, were called Ball and Roll because they were so fat and round that they looked as if they rolled when they ran over the grass.

One day, Mother Rabbit sent Downy and Roll to the shops to buy some food. Carrots, lettuce, tea and sugar.

On the way home they started to eat the food they had bought.







When they got home to their Mother, they had only tea and sugar left.

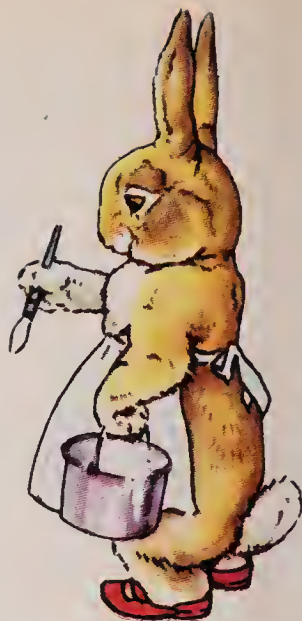
Mother Rabbit was very angry and said to Downy and Roll that they must go indoors while she went back to the shops with Little Tip.

After a while Mother Rabbit and Little Tip came home and Mother Rabbit made a lovely dinner of carrot stew and salad and all the little rabbits ate so much they nearly burst!

The next day was Sunday. After breakfast all the children went and sat on the red



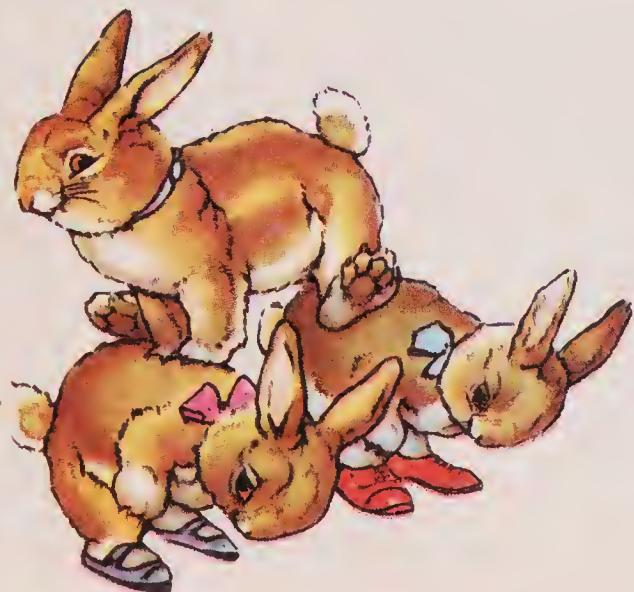




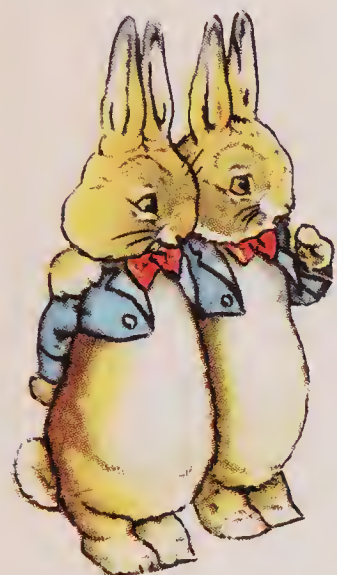
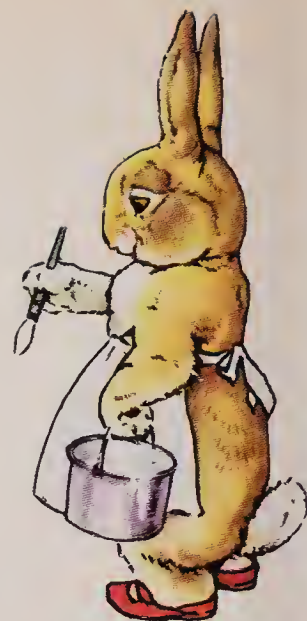
bench in the garden and Mother Rabbit came out to them with a bucket full of white paint and a brush.

Every Sunday all the rabbits had their tails newly painted so that they really shone white. And they also got new clean ribbons round their necks.

Then Mother Rabbit said: "Now we will go for a walk. But it is the girls' turn today because the boys must go to Sunday School." (That is how rabbits arrange it: boys go one Sunday and girls the next.)







The twins had dressed themselves up very smartly to go to Sunday School. They had on their new blue jackets with white buttons and red ribbons. And that is about the best a rabbit can wear.

Roll and Ball went a little of the way to Sunday School, then Roll said:

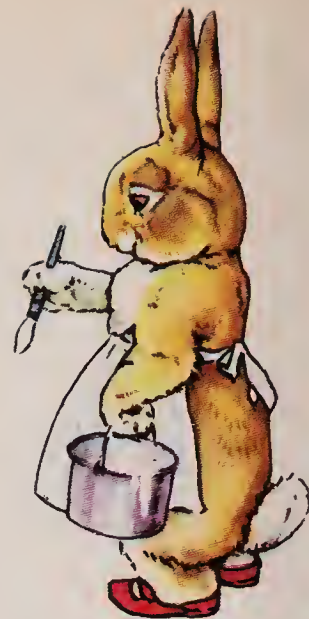
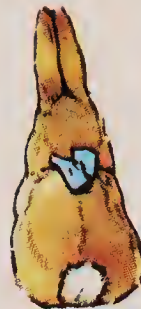
“Do you want to go to Sunday School?”

“No, I don’t,” replied Ball.

So, having got that clear, they took off their best jackets and hung them on a



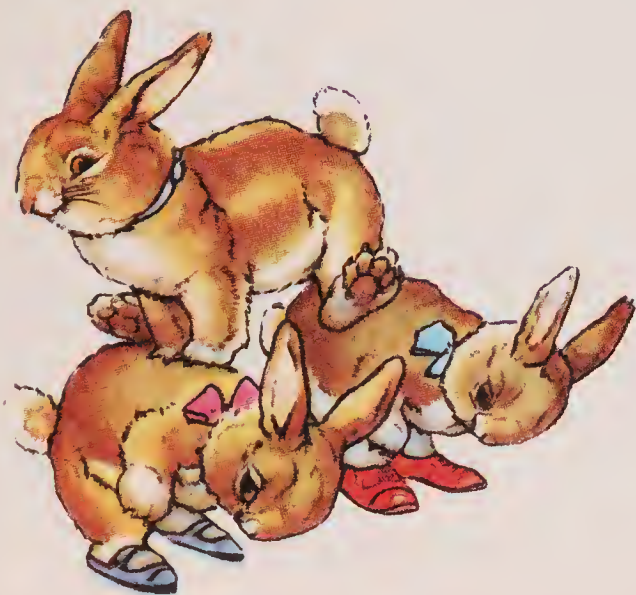




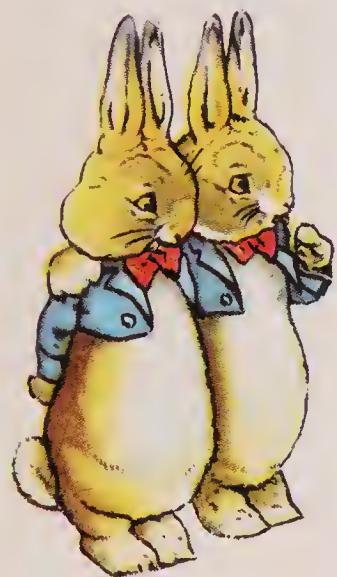
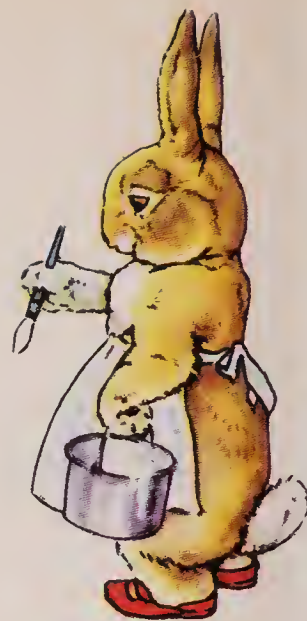
branch. Then they ran about and played in an empty rabbit's burrow in the roots of the oak tree.

After a while Little Tip came along. She had wandered away from her Mother and wanted to stay and play with the twins. And do you know what happened? She got stuck in a hole and couldn't move!

Ball and Roll dragged and pushed and pulled and Little Tip only laughed and said that they were tickling her. But at last they got her out. Then they told her to run home







and not make any more trouble for them.

On the way home Little Tip saw a strange animal in the middle of the road, quite unlike anything she had ever seen before. It was a toy rabbit, of course, but Little Tip didn't know that.

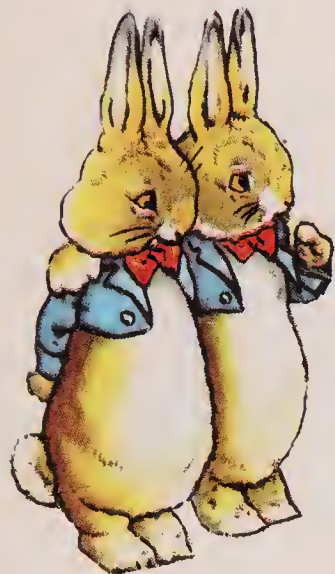
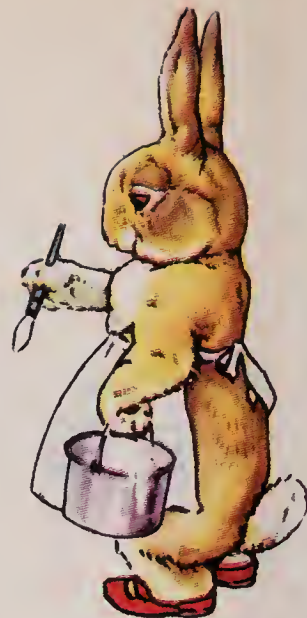
"Hullo, who are you? I haven't seen you before," said Little Tip.

"I," answered the strange creature, "am a rabbit. Who are you?"

"I," answered Little Tip, "am also a rabbit. But if we are both rabbits we ought







to look alike. Do I look like you?"

"I don't know," answered the strange rabbit. "But if you go to the big pond over there you will be able to see yourself in the water."

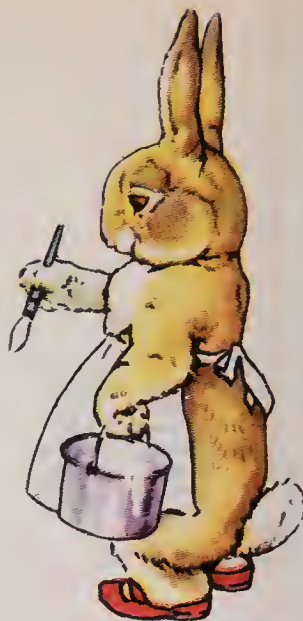
Little Tip went to the pond and bent over the water.

Just then Lenny, Downy and Roll came over to the pond.

"What on earth are you doing, Little Tip?" they asked.



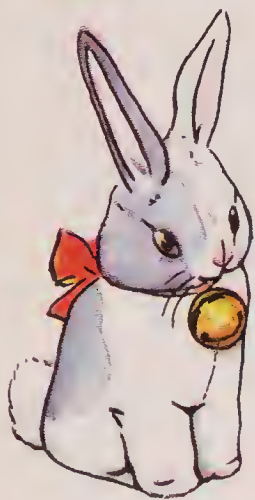




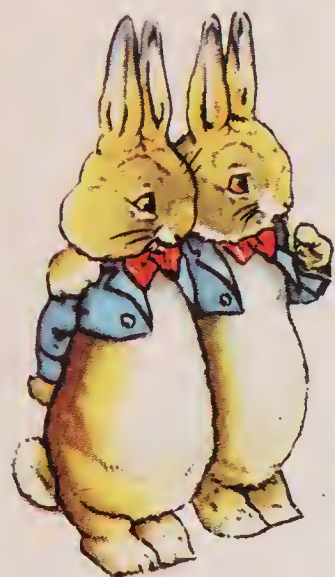
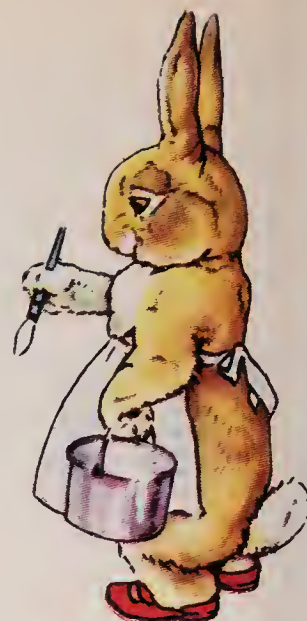
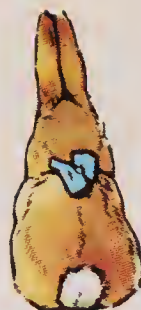
“I’m only looking at myself in the water to see if I am like a grey and white rabbit who is made of fabric,” Little Tip replied.

“A grey and white rabbit,” said Roll, thoughtfully. “I know one and I know where he lives, so let’s go and call on him.”

Little Tip and Roll set off together along the road but when they got near to the hutch Little Tip said: “That isn’t the same rabbit. He doesn’t go on wheels and has no







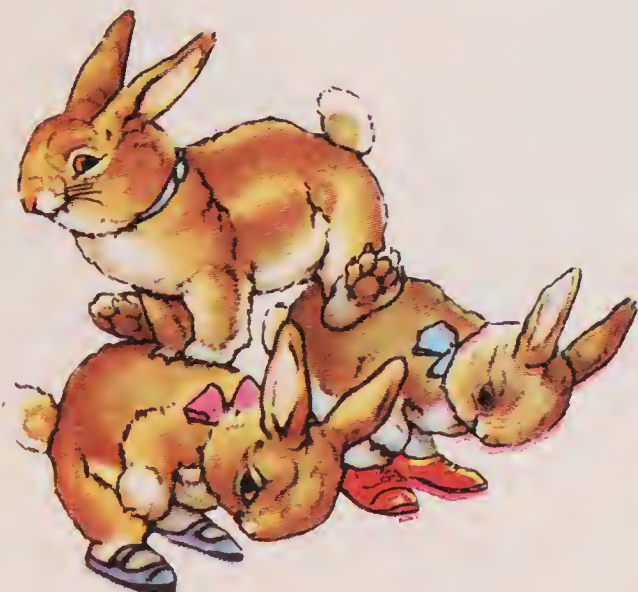
bell and is certainly not made of fabric.”

“Do you know why I am sitting here in a hutch?” the rabbit asked them. “It is because I wouldn’t go to Sunday School when I was little. Do you always go to Sunday School, children?”

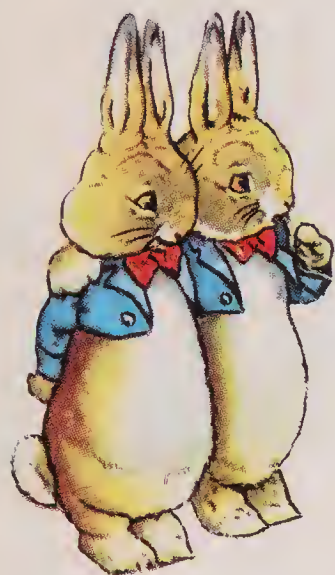
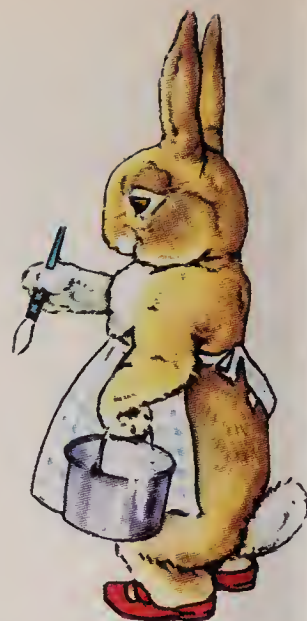
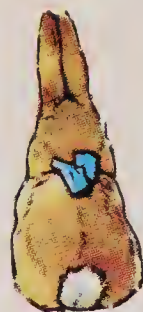
Roll and Little Tip looked at each other. “Y-yes,” they stammered. “That is, nearly always.”

They said “goodbye” to the rabbit and set off home again.

On the way they met a kind squirrel who reminded them to collect Roll’s and Ball’s jackets.







When Roll and Little Tip got home, the others were already there. Mother Rabbit gathered them all round her and said: "Now, children, have you been good and kind every day?"

Roll and Ball confessed that they had stayed away from Sunday School.

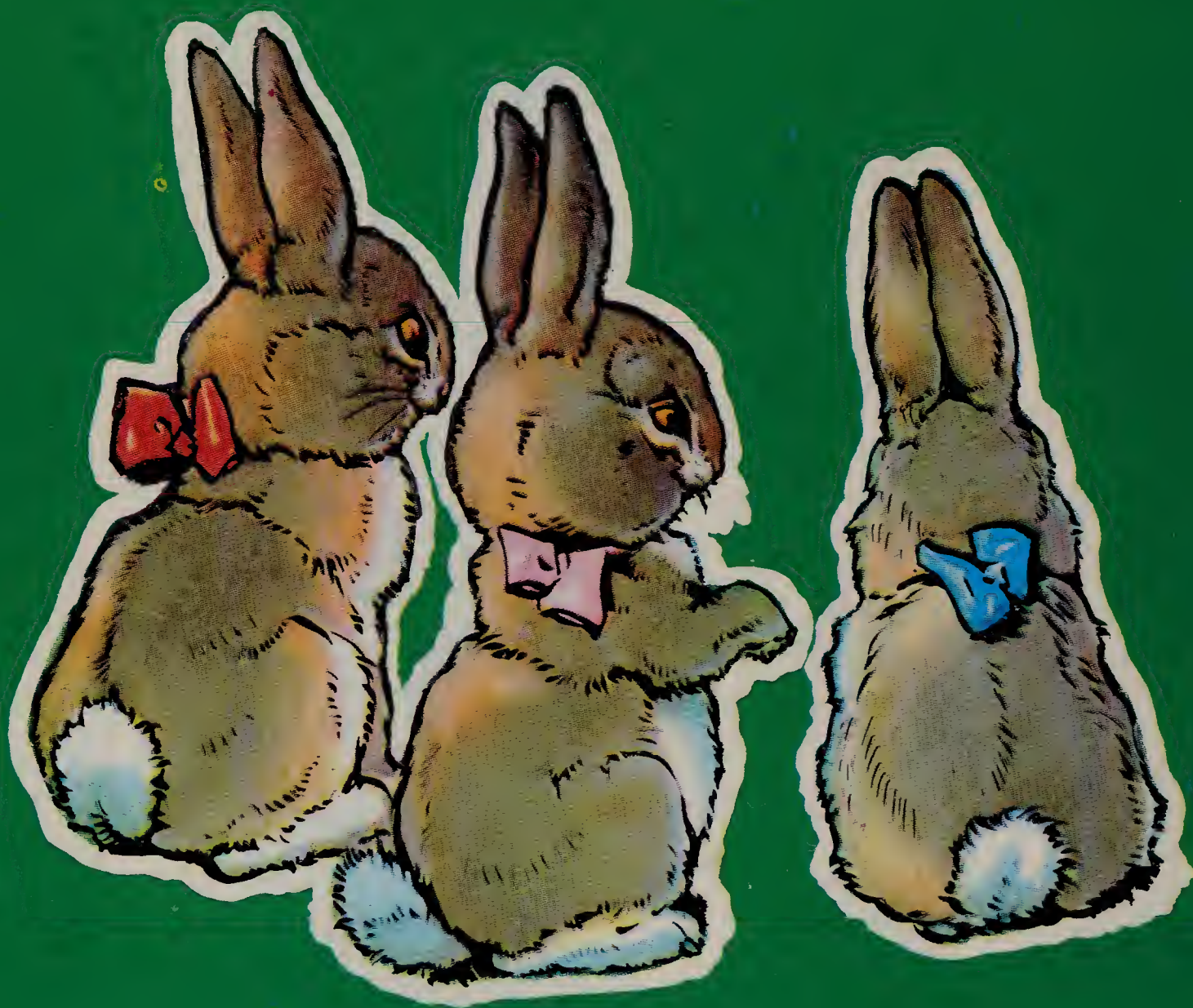
But Lenny and Downy had been good all the week so they were asked what they wanted for the evening meal.

"Pancakes and strawberry jam," they chorused.

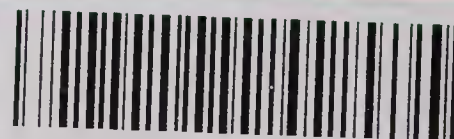
Mother Rabbit said: "Well you shall ALL have pancakes and strawberry jam because I'm sure you'll ALL be good next week."







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